

# PATENT SPECIFICATION



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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

### Improvements in Golf Tees.

I, CLARENCE ELLIS LOYD, Manufacturer, of 373, East 2nd Street, Los Angeles, State of California, United States of America, a citizen of the United States of America, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

10 This invention relates to golf tees in which the ball rests upon a resilient support mounted on a pin adapted to be driven into the ground, and the object of the invention is to provide improvements in the construction of golf tees of this kind.

Various forms of golf tees have been proposed heretofore in which the ball rests on a rubber cup or upon the tips of resilient prongs formed on a rubber cap mounted on a pin adapted to be driven into the ground. It has also been proposed to provide a golf tee made in the form of a brush having tufts or 25 bristles clipped to shape so that the ball rests upon them, such bristles being mounted on a support or base fixed to a flexible platform.

The present invention consists in the improved constructions hereinafter described and shown in which the resilient support, which consists of a rubber or like cap formed with resilient prongs or of an annular brush support, fits over the upper end of a pin adapted to be driven into the ground and engages at its lower end against a shoulder formed on the pin.

Reference will now be made to the accompanying drawings in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of construction embodying the improved golf tee,

Fig. 2 is a vertical section through the same and may be considered as taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the golf

tee shown in Figs. 1 and 2, showing the golf ball in applied position,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of golf tee,

Fig. 5 is a vertical section through the modified form and may be considered as taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4, and

Fig. 6 is a side elevation showing a golf ball in applied position upon the modified form of golf tee shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

Referring to the accompanying drawings wherein similar reference characters designate similar parts throughout, the improved golf tee shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 consists of a pin 10 which has its lower end tapered or pointed as at 11 to provide a piercing point, enabling the golf tee to be inserted into the ground, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The upper portion of the pin 10 is preferably cylindrical as indicated at 12, and a shoulder 13 is formed upon the pin 10 intermediate its upper and lower ends. Upon the cylindrical portion 12 there is placed a cap, generally designated at 14, which is formed of resilient material and is preferably made of soft rubber. The cap 14 has a recess formed therein so as to receive the cylindrical portion 12 of the pin and has a flange 15 formed thereon. Extending upwardly from the flange 15 about the body of the cap 14 there are a plurality of fingers 16 which are tapered upwardly and outwardly to provide points 17, upon which rests the golf ball G. The cap 14 is adapted to be secured upon the pin as by cement or any other suitable material. It is so molded that the fingers 16 normally extend outwardly so that the circular support formed by the points 17 is greater in diameter than the diameter of the body of the cap, and in this manner a good large support is provided for the golf ball, which will prevent its rolling off of the tee.

In the modification shown in Figs. 4, 5

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and 6, the tee consists of a pin or supporting member 20 which is tapered to provide a piercing point adapting the tee to be thrust into the ground. The upper end of the pin 20 is reduced, providing a tapered portion 21 and a shoulder 22. Arranged about the tapered portion 21 there is a plurality of bristles 23, and a clamping band 24, which is preferably made of rubber or other elastic material, is placed about the lower ends of the bristles 23, so as to hold them against the tapered portion 21. If desired, a suitable glue or cement may be placed between the band 24 and the tapered portion 21 so as to firmly hold the lower ends of the bristles 23 upon the pin 20. Although the portion 21 may be cylindrical, it is preferably tapered so that the bristles 23 extend upwardly and outwardly, and in this manner their upper ends cooperate to form a large circular support for the golf ball, which will prevent its rolling off of the tee. By making the tapered portion 21 of reduced diameter, the clamping band 24 may be positioned against the shoulder 22 and the exterior surface of the clamping band can be made approximately flush with the exterior surface of the tapered pin 20, thus providing a tee of neat appearance.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said inven-

tion and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A golf tee comprising a supporting pin adapted to be driven into the ground and a resilient support for the ball which consists of a rubber or like cap formed with resilient prongs or of an annular brush support and which fits over the upper end of the pin and engages at its lower end against a shoulder formed on the supporting pin, substantially as described with reference to Figures 1—3 or 4—6 of the accompanying drawings.

2. A golf tee according to Claim 1 wherein the resilient support consists of a plurality of bristles arranged in the form of a cone and secured to said pin by means of a retaining ring located above the shoulder formed on said pin.

3. A golf tee according to Claim 1 wherein the resilient support consists of a rubber or like cap formed with a plurality of resilient fingers which are tapered upwardly and outwardly to provide a stable support of large diameter substantially as described.

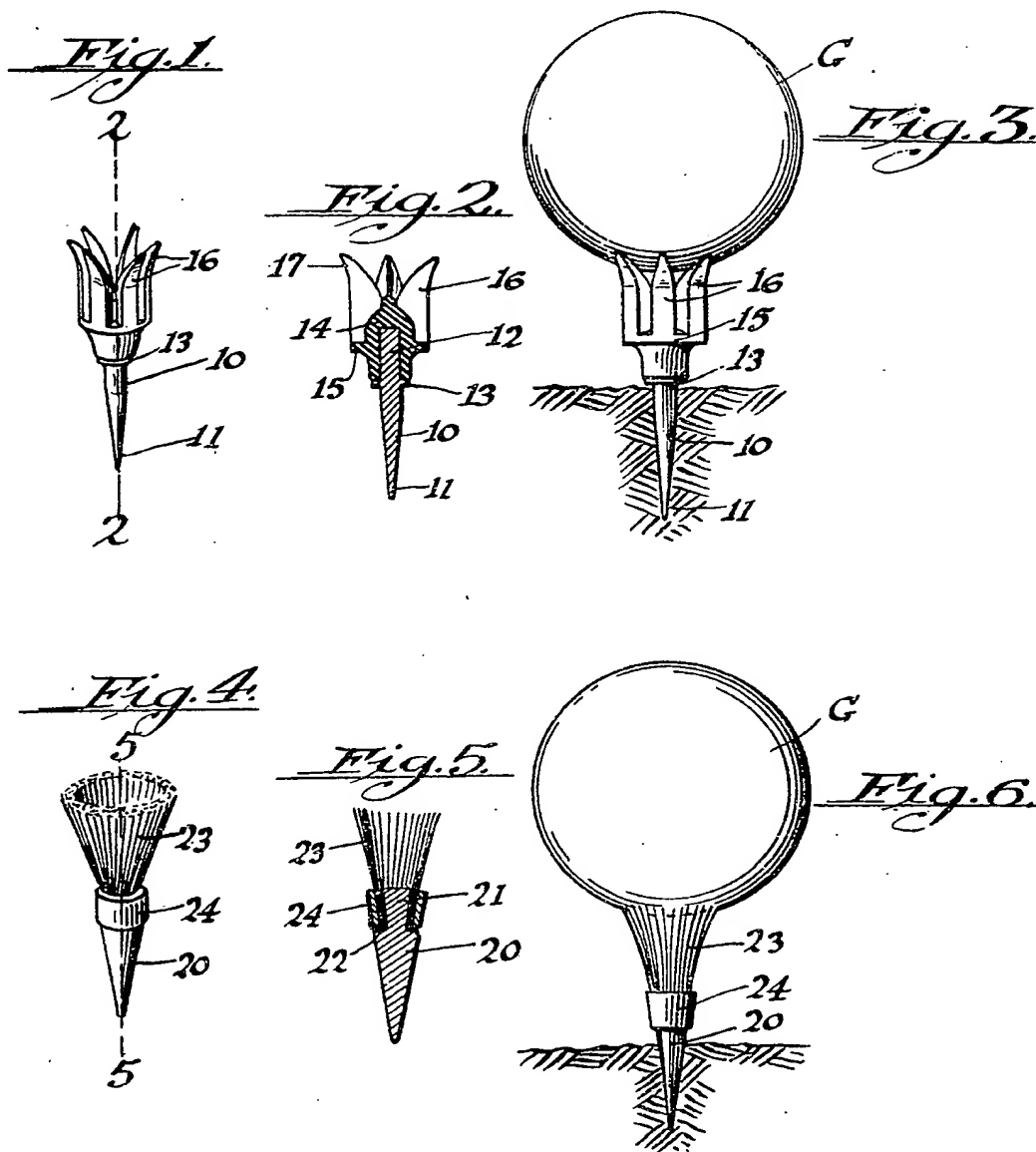
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